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Jimmie Vaughan, Pinetop Perkins and Willie “Big Eyes” Smith, Trombone Shorty and Ronnie Baker Brooks Headline Blues on the Fox June 18, 19 in Downtown Aurora

AURORA, Illinois (May 27, 2010) Blues on the Fox, the intimate and free Blues festival hosted by the City of Aurora, Illinois, celebrates its 14th anniversary with an exceptional entertainment lineup on Friday, June 18 and Sat. June 19 as part of the summer-long Downtown Alive! Festival Series. The festival will take place at the intersection of Galena Boulevard and Stolp Avenue, also known as “Blues Alley” in downtown Aurora along the scenic Fox River.

National guitar hero Jimmie Vaughan who is also known as the guitar teacher and brother of Stevie Ray Vaughan, and former leader of the Fabulous Thunderbirds will perform Saturday night at 8:30. Jimmie will be preparing for an appearance at Eric Clapton’s Crossroads Festival so this is sure to be an outstanding performance.

Southern blues/rocker Tinsley Ellis kicks things off on Friday at 6:45 p.m. followed by Trombone Shorty. Trombone Shorty, touted as one of the most exciting acts on the blues festival circuit will bring his unique show-stopping New Orleans act to spice up Aurora.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, the Hix Brothers Junior All-Stars will kick off the day and this year will feature an all-girl Blues band. Last year, several of the students performed with Los Lobos, the 2009 festival headliner.

Chicago blues performer Guy King and his Little Big Band will take the stage at 3 p.m. followed by the searing guitar shredding of Ronnie Baker Brooks, a Blues on the Fox festival favorite. Next, Joined at the Hip featuring Pinetop Perkins and Willie “Big Eyes” Smith hits the stage along with special guests Hubert Sumlin and Bob Margolin. All four gentlemen were part of Muddy Water’s band, and have performed at the BOTF in the past.

Each year the City of Aurora celebrates the rich music history of the RCA Bluebird recordings that were made in the 1930’s at the Leland Hotel (now Fox Island Place) in downtown Aurora. In the famous Sky Club, literally hundreds of songs were recorded by John Lee ‘Sonny Boy’ Williamson, Tampa Red, Big Bill Broonzy, Big Joe Williams, Roosevelt Sykes, Yank Rachell and others. These recordings were groundbreaking and set the tone for the early urban Blues that later became so popular and formed the backbone for modern day Rock ‘n Roll. The Blues on the Fox festival commemorates these recordings.

Many of the hotels are offering special Blues on the Fox value-packed affordable Blues on the Fox packages. Check out enjoyaurora.com for more information.

The historic Aurora downtown acts as a very pleasant backdrop to the two-day festival that includes not only great music but fantastic food, icy libations, music vendors and a relaxed atmosphere for the whole family to enjoy. Performances end at 10 both evenings but Ballydoyle Irish Pub (a BOTF sponsor) and America’s Historic Roundhouse offer additional nightly live entertainment starting at 10 p.m.

For more Blues on the Fox information, directions and artists’ biographies along with details on the complete Downtown Alive! Festival Series please visit bluesontheboxaurora.com or call 630-844-4731. You can sign up for email updates on the Web site. Blues on the Fox is also on Facebook, become a fan!

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